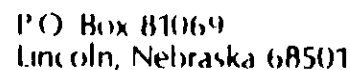
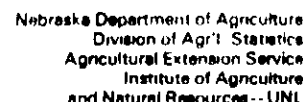


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Winter wheat condition continues to improve with the additional moisture and is now in mostly fair to good condition. There have been some reports of weed problems in the East and Southeast Districts.

Seeding of small grains continues with about 80% of the oats and over 85% of the barley seeded. A year ago about 95% of these crops were planted at this time. The oats that have emerged are reported to be in good condition.

Corn planting has begun on a very small scale in some areas of the State.

Sugar beet planting was reported over 50% completed before the rains delayed further progress this past week.

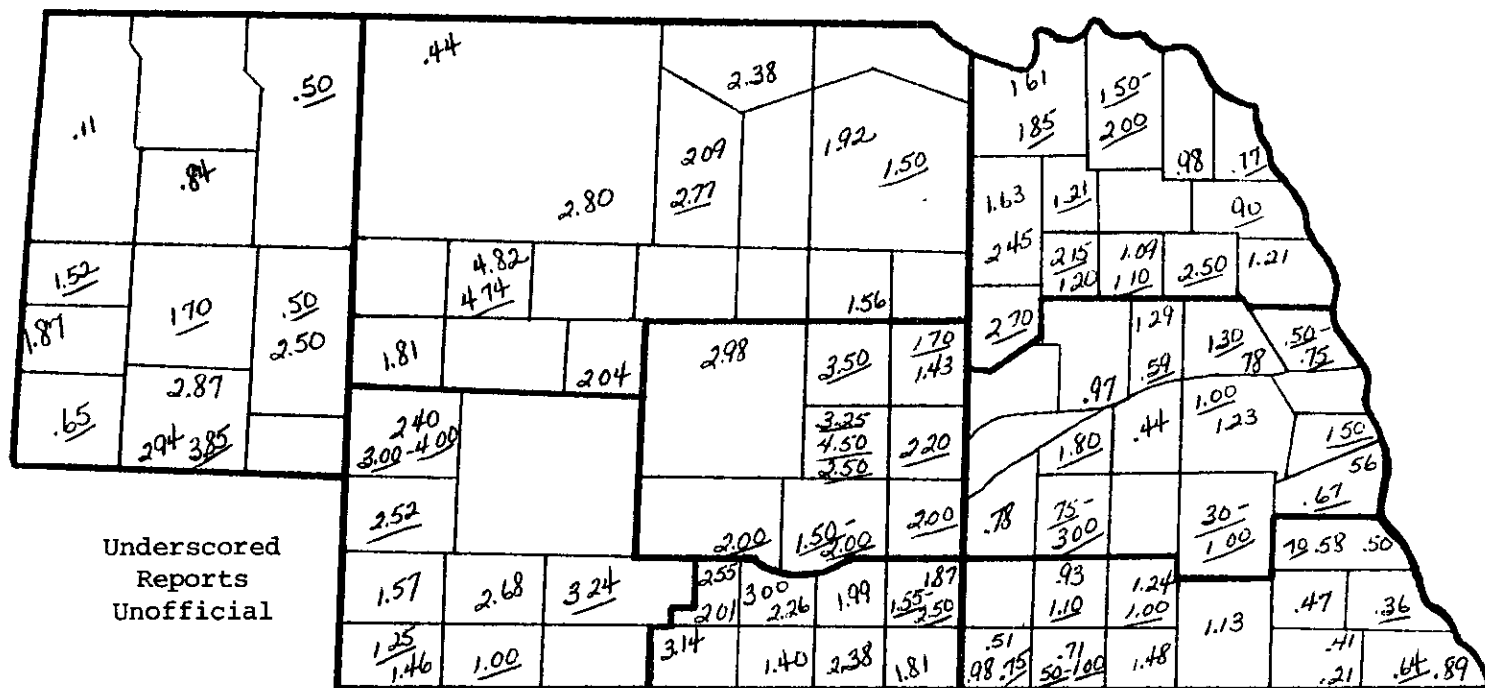
Alfalfa and wild hay are in mostly good condition across the State.

Topsoil moisture supplies again improved in most areas of the State. Topsoil moisture was reported surplus in 19% of counties, adequate in 79% and short in 2%. The subsoil moisture situation improved considerably with 44% of the counties reporting adequate supplies but 56% still short. Last year 84% reported adequate topsoil moisture and 28% adequate for subsoil moisture.

Pasture and range feed supplies improved with 48% of counties reporting adequate supplies and 52% reporting short. Some cattle are being moved out to pasture although many pastures need more moisture and more time for growth before they are ready for heavy use. Calving is moving along well in most areas.

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	1.30	2.20	1.30	2.20	.90	1.60	2.10	.90
Total since April 1.....	2.80	3.70	3.30	4.30	3.00	3.20	3.70	2.10
Normal since April 1.....	1.14	1.36	1.70	1.48	1.85	1.20	1.46	1.85

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1977



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1977

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	78	32	--	--	.16
	Scottsbluff	78	33	51	+3	.15
	Sidney	78	29	--	--	.61
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	72	29	48	0	1.62
NE	Norfolk	78	37	54	+3	1.00
	Sioux City	83	38	55	+3	.75
CEN	Grand Island	78	40	54	+2	1.00
EC	Lincoln	77	40	57	+3	.76
	Omaha	79	40	60	+5	1.76
SW	Imperial	76	31	--	--	.06
	North Platte	76	29	48	-2	1.82

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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